



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another busy but exciting term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The children have started the term with excitement and quickly settled back into school routines. Hopefully the sunshine will soon make more of a regular appearance! Please remember to send a sun hat with your child and apply sunscreen as the weather gets warmer. We do like to get outside as much as possible.

We are continuing our mission of trying to exercise regularly through the 'daily mile' and 'go noodle' sessions, so please ensure your child has suitable shoes in school.

Last term lots of children managed to earn their 'Over the Rainbow' bookmark as they have read so many times at home and I'm hopeful I will see lots more this term!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions throughout the term please do not hesitate to come and see me. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Eckley-Gardner

### Homework

Reading remains our priority for homework. Please listen to your child read regularly and ask them questions about what they have read. It is also important for



children to enjoy sharing a book with you so please take every opportunity to read to them, maybe at bedtime or alternate pages when they read to you!

### **Common Exception Words**

There are a selection of common exception words which children need to learn to read and spell, these can be found on our website or ask your class teacher for a print out.

Class teachers may send out homework specifically for your child, please support your child in completing this. We really do value your support.

### Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring they have their P.E. kit in school. It should be in school for the whole week or if you prefer for the whole of the half term. We can always send it home if it gets very dirty!



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This enables the children to change their books regularly and for us to read any comments you have made in their journals.



### What are we learning this term?

We will be exploring the question 'What is it like to be an explorer?' this summer term with the build-up of children becoming 'Explorers' for the day!



English: The fictional series of 'Emily Brown' will be used as a stimulus for children to learn about becoming an explorer in adventure stories. Using these stories as a starting point they will then write their own adventure stories with Stanley the rabbit! Later on in the term, we will learn about persuasive writing to persuade others to become an explorer!

Maths: We will continue to teach the objectives set out in the National Curriculum.

Our afternoon sessions this term will incorporate our 'Explorer' topic as much as possible and this will be covered in History, Design and Technology, Music and Computing.

Weekly P.E. sessions will take place following the Real PE scheme with lessons taking place outside as much as possible in the glorious sunshine!

Diary Dates – Summer 1	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Air ambulance visit
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs (statutory assessment tests)
HALF TERM	Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> May-31 <sup>st</sup> May

Diary Dates – Summer 2	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to Dan-Yr-Ogof caves
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day (more information to follow)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Report drop in (more information to follow)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School fete (more information to follow)

Yours sincerely

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